

Tec de Monterrey and Romania seek to strengthen academic cooperation



Establishing **academic and business** points of contact between [Tec de Monterrey](#) and **Romanian universities** was the reason for the visit to the Tec by the **Ambassador** of Romania to Mexico, **Mario Lazurca**.

The diplomat met with university directors, including [David Garza](#), President and Rector of Tec de Monterrey, and [Juan Pablo Murra](#), Rector of Undergraduate and Graduate Studies at the Tec.

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*“Our objective is to **strengthen cooperation and exchanges** between universities and companies in Mexico and Romania,”* said the ambassador.



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Lazurca pointed out that **Mexico** has an excellent reputation in **Romania**, and that the country is in the process of **internationalizing its universities**.

In order to do so, this European country has launched various **international exchange scholarship** programs.

“For example, we have two types of agreement: a bilateral cooperation agreement and a cooperation agreement within the framework of the Erasmus+ program,” he explained.

Erasmus+ is a program promoted by the **European Union** to support the education of young people from Europe.

To this end, Juan Pablo Murra explained that one of the first steps will be to talk with like-minded Romanian universities to establish **exchange** mechanisms.

“We have a huge demand from students wanting to go on exchange. This could mean that, if it hasn’t happened in the past, it’ll happen now,” said the Rector of Undergraduate and Graduate Studies at the Tec.

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Broadening horizons in Mexico and Central America

The **Ambassador of Romania to Mexico and Central America** pointed out that **Spanish** has become very popular in his country, which is why they are looking **to improve relations with countries that speak it**.

*“We have to **diversify**: it’s not enough just to work with Spain. That’s our goal. We’ve looked for partners in countries that are important in the region and Mexico is one of these,”* he explained.

They also intend to open a permanent support office in the city of Monterrey in order to **facilitate relations and exchanges**.

During his time at the Monterrey Campus, the ambassador visited the **Emerging Technologies Laboratory (Mostla)**, located on the first floor of the **Monterrey Campus Rector’s Office**, and also learned about the **DistritoTec** project.

Lazurca was accompanied by **Razvan Pircalabescu**, economic and commercial affairs advisor, and **Protasio Rodríguez**, who assists the Romanian Embassy in the north of Mexico.



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Scholarships for Mexicans

The Romanian government is offering scholarships to Mexicans interested in **undergraduate and graduate studies** in the country.

These scholarships can be applied for through the **Mexican Government**, the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs**, and the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID).

The grants are primarily aimed at the areas of **political sciences, administration, education sciences, Romanian culture and civilization, journalism, technical studies, oil and gas, agricultural science, veterinary medicine, architecture, and the arts.**

These scholarships cover the cost of **tuition** and a **monthly allowance**.

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